



February 22, 2017

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Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Berrada:

This is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, (GSA-2017-000394), dated January 19, 2017, in which you requested the following:

“Public comments posted in response to the General Services Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) proposed rule GSAR 2004-G502 *Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility* published in the Federal Register (FR) at 69FR117 on Friday, June 18, 2004. Additionally, you requested an explanation for why the rule was dropped after the 60-day comment period.”

GSAR case 2004-G502 Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility proposed amending GSAR section 509.406-3(d) to add an additional procedure to the decision making process for the debarment and suspension of parties. However, the case was withdrawn because GSA determined it already had sufficient policies and guidelines in place for such actions. Current policies and procedures can be found at [www.acquisition.gov](http://www.acquisition.gov). Also, responsive to your request, the redacted comments to the proposed rule are enclosed. They are not on regulations.gov because GSA did not begin using the site until 2006.

GSA is redacting signatures under the provisions of FOIA's sixth statutory exemption (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)), which permits an agency to withhold “personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” We have determined that the privacy interests of individuals representing contractor employees outweigh any public interest in the disclosure of their signatures, contact information, and any other private information.

Based on the information cited above, this constitutes a partial denial of your request. You have the right to appeal the partial denial of records under FOIA. To do so, you must write, within 90 days of your receipt of this letter, to the following address:

U.S General Services Administration  
1800 F. Street, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20405  
Telephone: 1-855-675-FOIA  
Fax: (202) 501-2727

U.S. General Services Administration  
FOIA Requester Service Center (H1F)  
1800 F St. NW, Room 7308  
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be in writing and should contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Enclose copies of your initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope should be marked prominently, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes our action on this request. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Ms. Dana Munson, Procurement Analyst, General Services Acquisition Policy Division at 202-357-9652 or by email at [dana.munson@gsa.gov](mailto:dana.munson@gsa.gov). You may also contact the GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Audrey Brooks, at 202-205-5912 or by email at [audrey.brooks@gsa.gov](mailto:audrey.brooks@gsa.gov) for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, or by e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov) or by telephone at 202-741-5770 or our toll free number free 1-877-684-6448 or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

*Travis S. Lewis*

FOIA Program Manager

Enclosure